

RESENCE OF MIND.

Duke of Wellington's Experience With a Murderous Maniac.

One day as the Duke of Wellington sitting at his library table quite his door was suddenly opened at a knock or announcement of port, and in stalked a gaunt man, stood before the commander in with his hat on and a savage expression of countenance. The duke of course a little annoyed at such unceremonious interruption, and, frowning, he asked, "Who are you?" "Dionysius," was the singular answer. "Well, what do you want?" "My life," "My life?" "Yes, I am to kill you." "Very odd," said the duke, sitting back and calmly gazing at the intruder. "Not at all, for I Dionysius," said the stranger, "and must put you to death." "Are you fitted to perform this duty today?" asked the commander in chief. "I am very busy just now and have a large number of letters to write. It would be very inconvenient today." The duke looked hard during a moment's pause. "Call again," continued the duke, "or write and make an appointment." "You'll be ready?" "Without all," was the reply. The maniac, wed doubtless by the stern old soldier, backed out of the room without further words and half an hour later was safe in bedlam.

Taking Life Too Seriously.

Taking life too seriously is said to be an especially American failing. This may be true; but, judging from appearances, it would seem to be world wide, for, go where you may, you will find the proportion of serious, not to say anxious, faces ten to one as compared with the merry or happy ones. If "the outer is always the form and shadow of the inner" and if "the present is the fullness of the past and the herald of the future" (and how can we doubt it?), how many sad histories can be read in the faces of those we meet every day! The pity of it is, too, that the sadness is a self woven garment, even as is the joy with which it might be replaced. Ruskin says: "Girls should be sunbeams not only to members of their own circle, but to everybody with whom they come in contact. Every room they enter should be brighter for their presence." Why shouldn't all of us be sunbeams, boys as well as girls, all along the way from twenty-five years and under to eighty-five years and over? Success.

A Cheerful Expression.

"I wish I could always look as cheerful as you do," said the sweet young thing as she dropped down beside the attractive widow.

"There are times when it is embarrassing," said the widow. "Let me tell you. When my husband died, I was journeying alone to his home, where he was to be buried. I was much annoyed at the persistency with which the man across the aisle attempted to flirt with me. Finally he took a seat in front of me and said, 'I beg pardon, but I thought I'd like to talk with you awhile because you have such a cheerful expression.'"

"And there I'd been weeping my eyes out for two days. So don't cultivate that cheerful look too much or you'll find some one accusing you of looking happy at a funeral!"—New York Times.

A Medieval Survival.

It may interest some of your readers to know that the archaic method of reckoning by tallies is still in vogue in Pau. While there I saw a bundle of tally sticks (these called tallies) suspended in a baker's shop, and on inquiry I found that most of the poorer country people there registered their purchases until they were able to pay. The tally stick is cut down the center, the baker and purchaser each retaining a half, and when a loaf is sold the two halves are fitted together, and a notch is made across them, the purchaser thus keeping an exact check upon the baker's score. Upon any payment being made a corresponding number of notches are shaved off.—London Athenaeum.

Smoker's Heart.

Smoking, as a rule, agrees with persons for many years, perhaps for twenty years and longer, although by degrees cigars of a finer flavor are chosen, but all at once, without any assignable cause, troubles are experienced with the heart, which rapidly increase and compel the sufferer to call in the help of a medical man. The age at which disturbances of the heart become pronounced varies very much. It is but rare that patients are under thirty years of age; they are mostly between forty and sixty years old.

Explains It.

"Why is it," asked the curious guest, "that poor men usually give larger tips than rich men?"

"Well, suh," said the waiter, "de po' man don't want nobody to fin' out he's po', an' de rich man don't want nobody to fin' out he's rich, suh."—Chicago Tribune.

The Last Straw.

After a fellow has walked about fourteen miles every night for two weeks with the baby it pains him to be told by the doctor: "You look all run down. You should take more exercise."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Too Rusty.

Lady (after singing a few rusty notes): "Don't you think my voice should be brought out?"

Manager: No, pushed back.—Columbian Dispatch.

The Only Disagreeable Part.

It is only the first half of any job that is disagreeable. The second half is worse.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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By virtue of the above stated writ of fieri facias, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Court House in Newark, on Tuesday, the seventh day of July next, at two o'clock P. M., all those tracts or parcels of lands and premises situate, lying and being in the township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey.

First the lands on Broad Street described in two tracts as follows:
First Tract.—Beginning on the easterly side of the road leading from the turnpike road (now Bloomfield Avenue) near the said John Archdeacon's Hotel towards the park at the southeast corner of Isaac N. Dodd's lot, (1st) thence along the said road (now Broad Street) south fourteen and three-quarters degrees west sixty-one feet and six inches (being the second station which bears from the centre of a well on the premises north eighty-eight degrees and twenty minutes west and distant therefrom fifty-two feet and two inches); (2d) thence south sixty-two degrees and fifty-five minutes east one hundred and sixty-two feet; thence north two degrees seven degrees and five minutes east sixty feet to the line of Israel C. Ward's lot; (4th) thence along the said Israel C. Ward's lot and Isaac N. Dodd's line north sixty-two degrees and fifty-five minutes west one hundred and seventy-four feet and three inches to the place of beginning. Containing twenty-three hundredths of an acre of land.

Also that other certain piece or parcel of land and premises, beginning at the southeast corner of lot conveyed by said John Archdeacon to Reuben N. Dodd by deed dated the 31st day of May, 1897, being the lot first above described; (1st) thence along John Archdeacon's line south sixty-two degrees and fifty minutes east fifty-seven feet and eight inches to Catherine Dodd's line; (2d) thence along C. Ward's and John G. Keyler's line north twenty-three degrees and fifteen minutes east sixty feet and three inches to Israel C. Ward's line; (3d) thence along C. Ward's line north sixty-two degrees and fifty minutes west fifty-three feet and two inches; (4th) thence south twenty-seven degrees and ten minutes west sixty feet to the place of beginning. Containing seven hundredths and six-tenths of an hundredth of an acre, or 3.26 square feet.

Being the same premises conveyed to Mary Dodd by Stephen W. Fullerton and wife by deed recorded in the Register's office of Essex County, as set forth in Book K-21 of Deeds for said county, on pages 99, &c.

Second, the lands and premises on Glenwood Avenue, described as follows:
Beginning in the southeasterly line of Glenwood Avenue at a point distant three hundred forty feet six inches southwesterly from the southerly line of Washington (formerly Green) Street; thence running along the easterly line of Glenwood Avenue south forty-three degrees thirty minutes west eighty-four feet three inches to line of land late of Henry Dodd; thence along the same south forty-three degrees thirty minutes west one hundred and twenty-three feet eight inches to other land of Reuben N. Dodd; thence along the same north forty-three degrees thirty minutes west one hundred and sixteen feet four inches to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to said Mary Dodd by deed of Reuben N. Dodd and wife recorded in Book K-21 of Deeds for Essex County, page 124.

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